

28.9%; the import was 860 million dollars, having increased 27.2%. Among the commodities exported, common export was 1,438 million dollars, having increased 27.2%; improvement trade export was 214 million dollars, having increased 42.5%; primary product export was 188 million dollars, having increased 3%; improved product export was 1,465 million dollars, having increased 33.2%. The import products were mainly raw materials, fittings and hi-tech equipment.

The availability of foreign funds went up. The contract foreign funds amounted to 1,094 million dollars, having increased 19%; the actual used foreign funds reached 1,108 million dollars, having increased 3.7%, the direct investment by foreigners reached 682 million dollars, having increased 4.3%.

The tourism kept the tendency of rapid development. In 2000, a series of tourism activities like Mountain and Water Festival of Chengzhou, Longevity Festival of Nanyue were carried out successfully, discovery and development of new scenic spot such as Southern Great wall in Fenhuan added new connotation and glimmering aspect of our province's tourism. Our province received domestic tourists 46.5 million person times, having increased 8.1% over last year; domestic tourism income reached 13,046 million yuan, having increased 24.3%. 454 thousand foreign tourists were received, having increased 17% in number, among them, there were 296.1 thousand tourists were from H.K, Macao and Taiwan, having increased 20.1%. International tourism brought income of 221 million dollars, having increased 20.8%. During the Gold Week of May 1st and Oct 1st, the province received domestic and foreign tourists 4.761 million person times, earning an income of 1,546 million yuan. During the Gold Week of Oct 1st Zhang Jiajie became one of the three tourism districts, which the tourists were most satisfied with.

VII Finance, Security and Insurance

The run of finance was quite steady, and its support to national economy was strengthened. By the end of 2000, the total amount of the deposit of the financial institutions in the province was 287,475 million yuan, creating an increase of 33,495 million yuan over the beginning of the year. The loans were comparatively centered on items of the fundamental construction, technology improvement, high-tech enterprises and profitable industries, development of agriculture and agricultural economy were supported and consumer credit developed rapidly.

Development of the capital market accelerated. Within the year, six enterprises of Jiuzhitang, Nongping high-tech, etc. emitted new stocks, six of stock company of Zhenghong feedingstuff, Tongcheng, etc. absorbed more capital by distribution of their stocks, Dianguang medium emitted more a type stocks. In the whole year, the financing of the stock market reached 6,948 million yuan, among them, financing of the emission of new stock was 2,990 million yuan. distribution of the stocks 2,368 million yuan. Market of national debt developed quickly, value of 4,130 yuan of certified national debt were sold out, doubled that of the previous year.

The insurance industry gained continuous development. The insurance fee of all the insurance organs of the whole province reached 4,515 million yuan, having increased 10.8%, the property insurance fee reached 1,394 million yuan, and the life insurance fee reached 3,121 million yuan, having increased 7.1% and 12.5% respectively. The compensation payment reached 1,481 million yuan, in which the compensation payment for property reached 719 million yuan, having decreased 5.1%; the compensation payment for life accidents reached 762 million yuan, having decreased 11.5%.

VIII Science, Technology and Education

The scientific and technological procession grew further. By the end of 2000, there were 180 scientific research institutes, among which there were 4 institutes for social sciences, 13 institute for sci-tech intelligence and literature, 24 key labs at the province level. The number of academicians in Hunan reached 37 and there were 1,612 experts enjoying the government's allowance. Scientific research got new achievements,